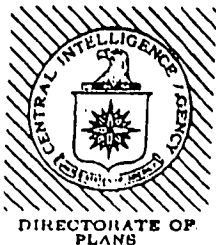


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SUBJECT FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING INTERPOL AS CENTRAL
COORDINATING AGENCY TO COMBAT SKYJACKING

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SOURCE SENIOR INTERPOL OFFICIAL. HE HAS REPORTED RELIABLY, ALTHOUGH
INTERMITTENTLY, FOR MANY YEARS.

1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERPOL (INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION) WILL MEET ON 2 OCTOBER 1970 IN
BRUSSELS; THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONVENE ON 5 OCTOBER.
AMONG OTHER THINGS, SKYJACKING (DEROUTEMENT DES AVIONS) WILL
BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION BY THE EXE-
CUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. THE MATTER OF "AIR INCIDENTS" WAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED
BY INTERPOL, DURING THE OCTOBER 1969 MEETING OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN MEXICO. AT THAT TIME, THE TOPIC BROUGHT HEATED EXCHANGES

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FROM THE ARAB, ISRAELI AND BRITISH DELEGATES. IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, SECRETARY GENERAL N E P O T E PRESENTED THE FIRST COMPILATION OF "AIR INCIDENTS" EVER PREPARED.

3. AMONG THE SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BE PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING ARE THAT INTERPOL MIGHT SERVE AS A CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR ALL DATA CONCERNING SUSPECT PERSONALITIES AND TECHNIQUES UTILIZED BY SKYJACKERS. INTERPOL HAS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH ALL MEMBERS. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, IS THAT IF INTERPOL BECOMES A CLEARING HOUSE FOR DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION, THE DATA MUST BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE ARABS.

4. IF INTERPOL DOES BECOME A CLEARING HOUSE, A PROPOSAL WILL ALSO BE MADE THAT PROBABLY INTERPOL HEADQUARTERS PARIS SHOULD CORRELATE AND EVALUATE DATA CONCERNING COUNTER MEASURES AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST VARIOUS TYPES OF SKYJACKERS, BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZED TERRORIST GROUPS. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE GERMAN DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT AIRLINES CARRY ARMED GUARDS DURING FLIGHTS. THE GERMANS ARE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD UNNECESSARILY ENDANGER THE LIVES OF PASSENGERS SHOULD A STRAY BULLET DAMAGE IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF THE

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PLANE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GERMANS WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND THE USE OF GUARDS WHO ARE FULLY TRAINED IN JUDO AND WHO ARE SPECIALISTS IN DISARMING PERSONS.

5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ARAB AND MOST SOUTH AMERICAN MEMBERS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE IN USING INTERPOL AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR SKYJACKERS; NO REAL PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED FROM THE FRENCH, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN SPARED FROM SIGNIFICANT SKYJACKINGS.

6. THERE SHOULD BE FEW OBSTACLES AS FAR AS FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE CONCERNED TO HANDLE THIS NEW REQUIREMENT, SO LONG AS INTERPOL MEMBERS SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THE AMERICAN DELEGATION HAS A WELL THOUGHT-OUT PRESENTATION SHOULD THE MOTION BE TABLED.

7. IF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, IN LINE WITH THE SKYJACKING AGENDA ITEM, BRINGS THE MATTER UP DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GERMANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REQUEST THAT A SUBCOMMITTEE ON SKYJACKING BE FORMED IMMEDIATELY TO CONVENE IN A DIFFERENT ROOM, IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE APPROPRIATE PROPOSALS.

8. THE SENIOR INTERPOL OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT MEMBERS OPPOSED TO INTERPOL'S BECOMING A CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION IN REGARD TO SKYJACKINGS AND SKYJACKERS WILL BASE THEIR ARGUMENTATIONS ON

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PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE INTERPOL AGREEMENT WHICH EXCLUDES POLITICAL CRIMES FROM THE JURISDICTION OF INTERPOL. HE, THEREFORE, STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION STATE THAT PARAGRAPH 3 IS NOT APPLICABLE IN CASES OF SKYJACKERS WHO TAKE PLANES BACK TO THE SKYJACKERS' ORIGINAL POINTS OF DEPARTURE. FURTHERMORE, SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FACT THAT SKYJACKING OF A PLANE WHICH ENDANGERS UNINVOLVED AND INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS IN AN ARMED CONFLICT CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL ACT, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THEREFORE CAN BE ACTED UPON BY INTERPOL. HE WISHES TO STRESS THIS, BECAUSE IT IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ACT OF AN EAST BLOC SKYJACKER WHO BASICALLY WANTS TO REACH A DESTINATION OTHER THAN HIS POINT OF DEPARTURE TO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM, WITH NO PREMEDITATED INTENT TO HARM PASSENGERS OR DESTROY EQUIPMENT. THIS, OF COURSE, ALSO WOULD APPLY TO SKYJACKERS ALLEGEDLY SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN CUBA.

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